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Hospitals, Alms-Houses,
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P U B L I C S C H O O L S,
In B R I S T O L.

S P E C I F Y I N G

The Names of the respective Founders:

What Public Bodies and Societies have the Care of, and fill up
Vacancies in, those several Charities:

The requisite Qualifications for Admittance:

The Number of People [whether Men, Women, or Children] in
each of those Houses:

Their Weekly Pay, and other Allowances.

Also, An ACCOUNT of

*The Gift-Money to poor Housekeepers and
Lying-in Women.*

With many other Particulars, serving to assist such as may have Oc-
casion of Information, respecting the charitable Foundations and
Benefactions in that City.

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THE utility of information of this kind is apparent. — The Publisher would be very much obliged to such of the citizens as can communicate further intelligence, or point out any mistake, concerning either of the following articles, wherein the endeavours used to obtain the best information may have failed; if they would condescend to leave such their favors, in writing, at his shop in Wine-street, in order to have the next edition of this account rendered more compleat, and deserving the public view.

Though, with respect to omissions and errors, whatever are discoverable in the present publication, it is presumed, they are not so great nor numerous as to affect the main design of it; which is to inform the poor touching the emoluments attending each charitable foundation in Bristol—to direct them where to apply—and to enable their several friends more readily to second the petitions of such as may be qualified to be made partakers of one or the other, among the great number of the differently constituted benefactions, which that city affords.

Those, who have the curiosity to examine, will here find, that the Sum of £5970 a year is disbursed for the poor of Bristol, in one shape or another, exclusive of about £10,000 raised yearly in that city, for the parochial poor; and, that there constantly are 1032 persons, of all ages, in those several hospitals, &c. who live wholly upon public charity.

[Note, In the above summary no notice is taken of the yearly amount of the poor-rates in the two out-parishes of St. Philip and Jacob and of St. James, both in the suburbs.

A LIST

A LIST OF THE Charitable Foundations, &c. in Bristol.

HOSPITALS, &c.	SITUATED.
Colston's Hospital	St. Augustine's Back.
St. James's Poor-House	Barr's-Lane.
Queen Elizabeth's Hospital	Christmas-Street.
The Red Maids' School	College-Green.
Gift Money to poor Housekeepers	
to poor Lying-in Women	
For repairing Highways	
Bristol Infirmary	Earl-Street.
The Gift-House	St. James's Back.
The Poor-House next to the Gift-House	St. James's Back.
The Merchants Hospital	King-Street.
Sr. Nicholas' Alms-House	King-Street.
Spencer's Alms-House	Lewin's Mead.
Burton's Alms-House	Long-Row.
Merchant Taylors' Hospital	Merchant-Street.
Colston's Alms-House	St. Michael's-Hill.
Elbridge's Charity-School	St. Michael's-Hill.
Ridley's Alms-House	Milk-Street.
The (Baptist) Poor-House	Milk-Street.
Stevens's Alms-House	Old-Market.
Trinity [or the Dial] Hospital	Old-Market.
Trinity Hospital	Old-Market.
The City Free Grammar-School	Orchard-Street.
St. Peter's Hospital	St. Peter-Street.
Redcliff and St. Thomas Charity-School	Pile-Street.
The Baptists' Poor-House	Red-Cross Street.
Redcliff-Hill Alms-House	Redcliff-Hill.
Foster's Alms-House	Steep-Street.
Presbyterians' Charity-School	Stoke's-Croft.
Presbyterians' Alms-House	Stoke's-Croft.
Temple Parish Charity-School	Temple-Backs.
The Weavers's-Hall Poor-House	Temple-Street.
Colston's Charity-School	Temple-Street.
Stevens's Hospital	Temple-Street.
White's Hospital	Temple-Street.
The Tucker's-Hall Poor-House	Temple-Street.
All-Saints Alms-House	Tower Lane Steps.
Strange's Alms House	Tower-Lane Steps.

CHARITABLE

Charitable Foundations, Benefactions, &c.
at *Bristol*, viz. Schools, Hospitals, Alms-
Houses, and Gift-Money.

* * The Schools, Hospitals, and Alms Houses, follow alphabetically,
by the Names of the Streets and Places in which they are respec-
tively situated.

St. Augustine's-Back.—COLSTON's HOSPITAL.

ONE hundred boys are here cloathed, lodged, and boarded.—
Their uniform is a blue robe, with an orange-colour lining ;
a band, and a blue bonnet ; with orange-colour stockings.----
The master is paid ten pounds per annum for those purposes for each
boy. He is allowed two and an half per cent. on the sum which may
be disbursed by him for sickness and other extraordinary expences.
He is likewise paid a yearly salary of one hundred pounds, for in-
structing the boys in reading, writing, and arithmetic. He must be
a member of the Church of England. A clergyman has a stipend of
ten pounds per annum for teaching them that catechism. This he en-
joys for life. The boys are admitted from the age of seven to ten,
and remain scholars seven years from the time of their admission. At
the seven years' end, they are apprenticed out to masters, who are
members of the Church of England, with a fee of ten pounds. But,
if a place be not found for a boy by that time, then the master is to
maintain him a year longer, at his own charge.

The government of this charity is entrusted to the Society of Mer-
chants Venturers of Bristol, who put in one half of the number of
boys. The other half is placed in it by twelve nominors. The va-
cancies in the hospital are filled up by the merchants and the nominors
alternately. The boys must be the sons of freemen, or born in the
city of Bristol ; but such as are a-kin to Mr. Colston, or of the name
of Colston, are always to have the preference : and the nominors, a-

mong their half of the whole number of boys put in, may have ten who are not of Bristol, but may be of any other place.

When either of the estates, settled for the support of this charity, has a parish-boy bound an apprentice on it, such boy may be admitted into the Hospital, or bound out to sea: And the fee given by parishes with every such boy, being by act of Parliament fifty shillings, the trustees are to be allowed that money. No boy is to be taken into the school till thirteen weeks after the death or departure of another.

Mr. Edward Colston, the founder of this hospital, gave, for its maintenance, estates to the yearly value of thirteen hundred and twenty pounds, arising mostly by fee-farm rents; and the charge of first fitting it up, and making it convenient for the purpose, amounted to about eleven thousand pounds. This great benefaction, of the hospital on St. Augustine's-Back, consisting of a master, two ushers, and one hundred boys, was settled in the year seventeen hundred and eight.

The Twelve Nominors, 1773, viz.

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| • Thomas Haynes, Esq; | • Edward Southwell, Esq; |
| • Sir Jarrit Smith, Bart. | • The Rev. Dr. Casberd |
| • The Rev. Mr. John Gardiner | • Mr. Michael Miller, sen. |
| • Mr. Robert Bridle | • Mr. Richard Haynes |
| • Alexander Colston, Esq; | • Mr. Joseph Farell |
| • John Hugh Smith, Esq; | • Thomas Smith, Esq; |

When a nominor dies, another is chosen in his room immediately by the survivors.

Barr's-Lane.—ST. JAMES'S POOR-HOUSE,

FOR twelve women, in separate apartments. Eleven of them are allowed two shillings and six-pence per week, but the twelfth only two shillings, by St. Peter's Hospital. Out of their weekly pay, each of the twelve leaves six-pence, for the rent for that time, to the vestry of St. James's parish. At Easter, Whitsuntide, and Christmas, one shilling is paid to each of them, out of the Sacrament money. Some of them receive a six-penny, and some a four-penny loaf every Sunday at church.

church. To the most needy among them, a gown, a cloak, and a shift are given every year, out of bequests. They are paid their weekly allowance every Tuesday morning at church. None but such as belong to St. James's parish are admitted; and being a Dissenter is no disqualification here. The vestry of St. James's are the trustees.

This Poor-House, before it was rebuilt by that parish in 1752, consisted of nine small tenements, inhabited by poor men and women, who were allowed two shillings a week each of them; but then, as now, six-pence was stopped out of each person's weekly allowance.

Christmas-Street—Queen ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, called likewise the CITY HOSPITAL.

HERE forty-four to fifty boys are lodged, boarded, cloathed, and taught to read, and write, and to cypher. They are dressed much in the same manner as those of Christ's Hospital, by Newgate-street, London. The master is allowed ten pounds per annum, for the cloathing, maintenance and instruction of each boy. The children only of free burghesses of Bristol are admitted here from seven to nine years old; and all of them are apprenticed out at the age of fourteen, with a fee of ten pounds each. The master is chosen by the corporation of Bristol, who are the trustees of this charity; and the boys are put in by the Mayor and Aldermen, who meet about twice in a year for that purpose. The Treasurer is one of the Aldermen. He is always of that rank, and selected by his brethren for life. The house belonging to this charity is in Orchard-street. It has been converted, but a very few years since, to the use of the City Grammar-School. And the City Hospital boys were then removed to the Grammar School-house in Christmas-street. The manor of Gaunts Urcot in Almondsbury parish, and lands in Winterbourn parish, both in Gloucestershire, are vested in the Mayor and Corporation of Bristol, for the use of this charity; which was formerly called the Gaunt's Hospital, from the name of the family of De Gaunt, which first founded it about the year twelve hundred and twenty nine, for one hundred poor people and a chaplain. A charter was granted to it by Queen Elizabeth,

beth, and in 1706 the house belonging to it in Orchard-street was rebuilt and further endowed by contributions.

Benefactors to the City Hospital.

1546 The City 523*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

1583 John Carr.

William Carr.

1587 Anthony Standback gave lands to the value of 14*l.* per ann.

1588 William Bird gave 500*l.*

1592 Richard Cole.

1602 Ann Colstone gave 4*l.* per annum.

1602 Lady Mary Rumsey gave 1000*l.* to which the City added 450*l.*; and with both those sums were purchased, a Freehold Estate in land of 90*l.* per annum, in Winterbourn parish, Gloucestershire, for the use of this hospital.

1708 Edward Colston gave 1500*l.*

Robert Dove,

James Gollop,

Samuel Hartnell.

College-Green.—The RED-MAIDS' SCHOOL,

FOR forty girls, who are uniformly dressed in red cloth jackets, was founded by Alderman Whitson, about the year 1627. They are admitted from eight to ten years of age; and stay in 'till eighteen; and then they receive new cloaths, and are placed out in service.' At the school they are provided with lodging, cloathing, and boarding; instructed in reading, in all sorts of white needle-work, and in the doing of household work. This charity is not confined to those of the established church; but the children are to attend the service of that church whilst in school. Only the daughters of free burgeses of Bristol are admitted here. The salary of the mistress is seven pounds per annum, for each girl's maintenance, cloathing, and instruction as above; but to this is added, all that may be gained by the children's work, which is for her benefit. The Trustees are the Mayor and Aldermen.

dermen. The treasurer is always one of the latter, and continues for life. Twenty pounds are paid every half year to the mistress by the Chamberlain of Bristol ; and the rest of her allowance is paid by the steward to Alderman Whitson's estates.

GIFT MONEY *to poor Housekeepers.*

ALDERMAN WHITSON [1627] left to poor housekeepers, being freemen of Bristol, or the widows of such, of the several wards of that city, seventy-eight pounds per annum, to be paid every Michaelmas-day, and every Lady-day, in moieties, as follow, viz. to twenty-six men twenty shillings each, and to twenty-six women ten shillings each, in the following proportions, viz.

<i>Wards.</i>	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	<i>Wards.</i>	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>
St. Michael	4	4	St. Thomas	2	2
St. James	7	7	Castle Precincts	1	1
Temple	3	3	Trinity	2	2
St. Nicholas	2	2	Maryport	1	1
Redcliff	2	2	St. Stephen	2	2

All-Saints and St. Ewen's. — These two, out of the twelve several wards, not requiring charity, are left out in the apportionment of this gift-money.

The several aldermen have the distribution of this charity in their respective wards.

GIFT MONEY *to poor Lying-in Women.*

ALDERMAN WHITSON [1627] left fifty-two pounds, to be given among the like number of poor women, the wives of freemen of Bristol, in every year, at the time of their lying in ; to be distributed quarterly, *i. e.* thirteen pounds in every three months. No one is to partake of this bounty more than three times. The Mayor's wife

has the disposal of it; or if the Mayor be unmarried, then the same is distributed by the eldest alderman's wife.

For Repairing Highways.

THOMAS WHITE, of Bristol, D. D. about the year 1613, settled one hundred pounds yearly for repairing the highways about that city, particularly mentioning ten miles towards Oxford; the whole way to Bath; and five miles in every market road, leading from Bristol into Gloucestershire and Somersetshire. The Mayor and Aldermen are the feoffees of this benefaction.

King Henry VIII. out of the lands with which he endowed the college of Bristol in 1542, ordered that 20*l.* per annum should be bestowed in repairing the highways about that city.

Earl-Street.—BRISTOL INFIRMARY.

THE institution of the Bristol Infirmary was in the year 1737.—The house was built and furnished at the sole expence of John Elbridge, deputy-comptroller of the customs in the port of Bristol. The original building was afterward enlarged. This charity is not confined to the people of Bristol, nor even to those of the kingdom of Great-Britain, but is designed to extend to all real objects from any part of the world. It is founded on a plan the least liable of any to be abused and perverted, viz. that of yearly subscriptions, and has accordingly been so well conducted, as to meet with the assistance of most of the opulent inhabitants of Bristol and its environs, and of many in distant parts of the kingdom.

*The State of the Bristol Infirmary, from December 31, 1764, to
December 31, 1773, inclusive.*

IN-PATIENTS.

	Cured.	Dead.	Dismissed for Irregularity, or at their own request.	Incurable.	Relieved.	Made Out-Patients, most of which are known to be cured.	Total discharged.	Remain in the House.
1765	916	86	48	12	59	55	1176	139
1766	872	138	50	4	41	59	1164	137
1767	822	101	46	5	42	47	1063	143
1768	901	105	32	5	35	67	1145	138
1769	879	102	81	5	64	59	1190	120
1770	860	67	50	8	48	84	1117	129
1771	782	79	37	2	53	79	1032	134
1772	877	69	33	1	51	50	1081	143
1773	884	82	34	1	42	45	1088	144

OUT-PATIENTS.

	Cured.	Discharged for Irregularity, or Non-attendance.	Made In-Patients.	Relieved.	Incurable.	Total discharged.	Carried to the next Year's Account.
1765	2298	242	137	251	12	2940	173
1766	2320	240	104	261	15	2940	219
1767	2486	348	62	383	11	3290	174
1768	2465	352	40	394	8	3259	186
1769	2054	171	36	253	5	2520	182
1770	2154	188	36	272	7	2657	192
1771	2247	184	59	178	9	2677	210
1772	2350	189	77	180	4	2800	226
1773	2337	178	57	154	4	2730	227

BRISTOL INFIRMARY.

Account of Monies Received.

	Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer brought from the last Year's Account.		Dividends on Money in the public Funds.		Yearly Subscriptions.		Collections made at the Churches, and other Places of Worship.		Legacies and Benefactions.		Apprentices Board, and Rent of Tenements.		Total of Money received	
	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.
1765	0	0	0	270	0	0	1145	3	0	0	0	0	2328	0 9½
1766	0	0	0	270	0	0	1161	19	0	0	0	0	{	*56 15 0 } 2649 3 10½
1767	20	19	0½	278	5	0	1276	8	0	0	0	0	2669	12 10½
1768	0	0	0	288	3	0	1236	10	0	194	7	0	{	*23 5 0 } 2702 1 7½
1769	0	0	0	289	16	0	1242	16	0	219	13	3	2466	13 11½
1770	0	0	0	289	16	0	1257	10	0	193	17	11	2803	0 7
1771	481	11	6	289	16	0	1300	11	0	181	12	3	3826	19 5
1772	327	2	10	315	5	6	1366	14	0	270	15	3	3115	17 7
1773	386	10	6	315	5	6	1338	7	0	175	14	0	2895	0 1
1774	330	7	3						591	13	1	87		10 0

* The purchase-money for the materials fold of four houses in Bull-lane.

BRISTOL INFIRMARY.

Disbursements.

	Balance due to the Treasurer, brought from the last Year's Account.			Provisions.			Soap, Candles, Coal, and Faggots.			Medicines and other Materials for the Use of the Apothecary and Surgeons.			Servants Wages, constant and extraordinary.			Rents, Buildings, Repairs, and Furniture.			Printing and Stationary Wares			Incidental Charges, or Calculations.			Expense of Funerals.			Total of Disbursements.			Money vested in the Funds.		
	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
1765	80	18	6	919	10	4	164	5	9	685	19	0	274	0	9	235	15	0	31	10	1	132	16	3½	10	15	11	2454	13	1½	0	0	0
1766	207	10	10	989	4	1½	165	3	6	834	10	6½	276	1	6	28	14	0	38	7	2	127	14	6½	17	13	7½	2684	19	10½	0	0	0
1767	0	0	0	1123	13	7½	170	14	6	854	1	1½	285	13	3	28	4	0	37	3	5	174	3	11½	11	12	9	2685	6	7½	479	17	6
1768	495	11	3	1053	17	0	191	7	5	661	3	0½	299	2	0	59	12	0	25	4	7½	90	7	5	13	9	0	2889	13	9	99	11	8
1769	263	18	9½	919	4	5½	184	13	7	611	16	11½	292	9	6	120	6	10	28	17	11	44	10	11	10	18	6	2212	18	8	0	0	0
1770	10	3	6	1007	14	11½	181	16	11	568	4	7	296	3	3	162	11	2	26	8	9	62	3	4	6	2	7½	2311	5	7	0	0	0
1771	0	0	0	1195	10	5	223	0	8	718	8	0½	293	1	8½	214	13	1	29	19	10	82	12	1	5	10	3	2762	16	1	1218	12	0
1772	0	0	0	1282	11	5½	196	17	1½	718	0	10½	295	0	0½	130	19	7½	27	5	5	75	12	0	3	0	6	2729	7	1	0	0	0
1773	0	0	0	1216	2	10½	200	4	1	560	0	1½	294	6	0	100	1	6	23	16	10	58	17	5	11	4	0	2564	12	10	0	0	0

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St. James's-Back.—The GIFT-HOUSE.

BUILT for six widows or maidens, of fifty years old and upwards. There are four women and two men, at present, [1773] in the house. They receive every quarter-day five shillings each of the churchwardens; which, as is supposed, was left them by the founders: and every Christmas one shilling each for coal, of the churchwardens, who, at the same time, supply the most needy of them with a coat, a shirt, a gown, a cloak, or a shift; and every Sunday, at church, give each of them a loaf, some a four-penny, and some a six-penny one. To some of them are paid weekly eighteen-pence, to others two shillings, and to some half a crown, by the churchwardens; these last sums come from St. Peter's Hospital. They receive of the Chamberlain one shilling amongst them all every quarter. They belong to St. James's parish.

N. B. Ann Colstone, in 1602, left four pounds per annum to the poor in this house.

Alice Cole left, in the year 1604, the sum of four pounds a year, for ever, towards the maintenance of the poor people of this alms-house, and likewise of those of the other, called the poor-house, in the same street. Twenty shillings of this money are divided, every three months, equally among the several persons that are in both these houses, at the time of making the quarterly payments.

St. James's-Back.—The POOR-HOUSE, adjoining the foregoing Gift-House.

HAS one old man and his wife in one apartment, who receive two shillings a week between them, and, now and then, sixpence occasionally of the churchwardens, who likewise give them, as the case requires most, either a coat, a cloak, a shirt, or a shift, from time to time.—A woman and her daughter are in another apartment; these receive eighteen-pence weekly, for both of them, of the churchwardens of St. James's parish.

King's-Street.—The MERCHANTS' HOSPITAL.

THIRTY-ONE persons have here, each of them, an apartment; though they do not all partake of the distributions exactly alike: for twelve seamen, and six seamen's widows, are upon the old establishment, and six seamen, and six seamen's widows, are upon the new establishment, as is also one seaman, whom Captain Isaac Elton, deceased, added to this charity; which is under the direction of the Society of Merchants Venturers of Bristol, by whom the hospital was erected. The left side of it was built in 1696, and two years afterward, the old part was rebuilt, so as to make, with the new one, an uniform structure. Each of the thirty-one persons receives three shillings weekly, but the elder brother has two shillings a week allowed him extraordinary. A green cloth cloak, a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, and 2s. 6d. to buy a green bonnet, are given, every 18 months, to each of the nineteen men. And two shifts, two handkerchiefs, two pair of stockings, and two pair of shoes are given, every New-year's-day, to each of the twelve women. On the tenth of November yearly, being the day on which the Society of Merchants used to have their anniversary dinner, each of the thirty-one persons receives one shilling to buy a dinner. Those upon the old establishment have the following distributions, which the others, upon the new establishment, do not partake of, viz. (1) Eleven men and six women receive four-pence halfpenny a-piece every quarter-day; but the other man, who is the elder brother, has but three-pence halfpenny at those times. (2) The twelve men, and the six women, receive two shillings and eight-pence each upon All-hallows day, in every year. (3) The same eighteen persons receive six-pence a-piece every Easter, Whitsuntide, and Christmas, to buy them a dinner. (4) The twelve men are paid three shillings and four-pence each every St. Thomas-day. (5) The six women receive two shillings and two-pence halfpenny a-piece, under the name of shift-money, every third Christmas, of the churchwardens of St. Nicholas; which money was left them by Alderman Browne: and the twelve men receive, of the same money, in two divisions, viz. six of them alternately, every third year, the said sum of two shillings and two-pence halfpenny each, with the six women.

This

This hospital is for the maintenance of poor, old, decayed sailors, and of the widows of such. Mere disability also, without regard to age, admits seamen here. No Roman Catholics are allowed the benefit of this charity. The men must have been in the merchants' service in this port; and the elder brother must have been a captain of a ship in the foreign trade.

The foregoing benefactions are no bar to their acting as ship-keepers, &c. nor even to their going a voyage abroad, having first leave so to do.

Mr. Colston gave four hundred and eighty pounds for the support of six old seamen in this hospital. They have likewise, towards their maintenance, part of the overplus of the estate settled on his alms-house on St. Michael's-hill.

King's-Street.—St. NICHOLAS' ALMS-HOUSE.

THIS was erected in 1656. It has sixteen apartments for the like number of elderly women. Each of them are paid the following benefactions, viz. eighteen-pence on St. Thomas'-day, at Easter, Christmas, Lady-day, and Midsummer-day; on Michaelmas-day one shilling; on the first Sunday in November fifteen-pence; which last sum was left them by Captain Whitchurch: and fifteen-pence in the middle of November, the gift of Mrs. Potter. They have a horse-load of coal each at Christmas. And, two out of every three years, dowlas enough to make them a shift a-piece, purchased with a bequest of 30*l.* 6*s.* per annum, left in 1595, by Alderman John Browne, to the poor people of this alms house and St. Nicholas' parish.

They have each of them likewise the following donations in bread, viz. a six-penny loaf and a nine-penny loaf at Easter; a two-penny loaf on Twelfth-day, left by Gammer Pugsley; and a two-penny loaf in the month of November, left by Mr. Drew; two twopenny loaves every Sunday at St. Nicholas'-church.

Some of them are allowed by St. Peter's Hospital, weekly one shilling; others eighteen-pence, and some two shillings.

The

The vestry of St. Nicholas' are the trustees; and none but those of that parish are admitted here; and such must be members of the established church.

Lewin's-Mead.—SPENCER'S ALMS-HOUSE, formerly TRINITY HOSPITAL.

THIS building was finished about the year 1493, with the money and goods, and agreeable to the will of William Cannings, who was five times Mayor of Bristol. It consists of twelve apartments. Ten old women are in ten of them; an old man and his wife in another; and an old widower in the twelfth, and last. Every quarter-day the churchwardens of St. James's parish pay to each of the twelve two shillings and eight-pence; which money comes from the Chamberlain of Bristol, who, every month, divides four shillings likewise among them. They also receive, at Midsummer and Christmas eve, three shillings and four-pence a-piece, of Rowles Scudamore, Esq; being a bequest of four pounds yearly, for ever, to this charity, by Alice Cole, in monthly payments of six shillings and eight-pence to the twelve, in equal shares. They have a horseload of coal each at Christmas. Four-penny and six-penny loaves are given every Sunday to part of them. Those, who are most in want either of a coat, a gown, a cloak, or a shift, have it at Christmas. The trustees are the Governor and Guardians of St. Peter's Hospital.

The objects of this charity must be upwards of fifty years old, and of the parish of St. James'. Eleven of them receive pay from St. Peter's Hospital; and of those some have eighteen-pence, and others two shillings a week.

Long-Row.—BURTON'S ALMS-HOUSE.

THIS alms-house was erected in the year 1292, for sixteen women, by Simon de Burton, and rebuilt A. D. 1721. Each of them has a separate

parate apartment, and receives, singly, the following donations, viz. Ten shillings every Christmas of the Mayor, and eight shillings at the same time from a bequest of Richard Nelmes; and both these sums to be laid out in coal. Two shillings and a penny in every quarter, left them by Mr. Pyke. One and three-pence in the middle of every quarter, left them by Mr. Worrey. Three-pence the last day of every month, paid them by the Chamberlain of Bristol. And a four-penny loaf every Sunday at church. They must be the widows of freemen, and members of the church of England. The vestry of St. Thomas' parish are the trustees; and the churchwardens pay two shillings a week to each of the sixteen poor of this alms-house.

Merchant-Street.—**MERCHANT TAYLORS' HOSPITAL.**

THIS building was erected in 1701, by Sir John Duddleston, bodice-maker, and doublet-maker. It has nine apartments, for either single or married people. Nine persons, men and women, with their husbands and wives, if any of them should happen to be married, having each an apartment. And the qualification, for admittance here, is the having been master or warden of the company, or the wife or widow of one who has been master or warden, without regard to age. The weekly pay is three shillings to each apartment, whether a single person or a married couple be in it. Each single person, and each married couple receives, on the Friday after Midsummer-day, four shillings and a six-penny loaf. And on the Friday after Christmas-day, and the Friday after Lady-day, four shillings, but no loaf. The trustees consist of the master of the company for the time being, and of all those who have been masters. Six committee-men are chosen from among them; and these six have the direction.---- The master, unless he be likewise one of the committee, has no other power but that of calling a committee; and every order of the latter must be given by unanimous consent.

Ann Colstone, in 1602, gave four pounds a year to this hospital.

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A benefaction of four pounds yearly was given to it in 1604, by Alice Coles, to be paid to the poor therein monthly, viz. 6s. 8d. equally among them. The Taylors old hospital was in Marsh-street.

St. Michael's-Hill. — COLSTON'S ALMS-HOUSE.

IN the year 1691, Mr. Colston built, upon his own ground, at his own charge, St. Michael's-hill alms-house. The front and two sides are faced with freestone. It contains a chapel neatly adorned; twenty-four apartments, and other conveniences, for twelve men and twelve women. The elder brother receives six shillings, and each of the others three shillings weekly, besides an allowance of five shillings at Lady-day, and five shillings at St. Thomas'-day, to each of them, for soap and candles; and every one of the number has six sacks of coal at Michaelmas; and six sacks at Christmas. To a clergyman is paid the sum of twenty pounds yearly. He is to read the common prayer, according to the liturgy of the church of England, twice every day, except when prayers are read at St. Michael's church; at which, every member of this alms-house is to attend. Freemen, and the widows, and the sons and daughters of freemen have the preference; though housekeepers of twenty years standing in Bristol are admissible. The partakers of this benefaction must likewise be (not under) fifty years of age, and members of the church of England; though, with regard to age, that of the elder brother is not limited. The weekly allowance to a new comer does not commence till three months after a vacancy. Four of this foundation must be of Temple-parish; two of Christ-church-parish, and two of St. Michael's-parish. The trustees to it are the Society of Merchants Venturers of Bristol. The endowment or estate given for the support of it arises chiefly from fee-farm rents, and amounts yearly to two hundred and eighty-two pounds three shillings and four-pence. The overplus of this estate is paid towards the maintenance of the six seamen on the new establishment in the Merchants' hospital in King-street.

The charge of building and finishing this house amounted to about two thousand and five hundred pounds.

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St. Michael's-Hill.—ELBRIDGE'S CHARITY-SCHOOL.

THIS school was founded by John Elbridge, deputy-comptroller of the customs in the port of Bristol, for the teaching of twenty-four girls to read, write, cypher, knit, spin, and to do needle-work. They all are cloathed at Easter compleatly; have two pair of stockings, two shifts, two aprons, and two handkerchiefs; and are uniformly dressed in blue cloth jackets. At entrance, a boddice, and a kersey coat, are given; the former is repeated when wanted, but not the latter. Forty-four horseloads of coal are allowed yearly for the use of the school, and also one dozen pounds of candles. The girls are admitted from the age of seven to that of ten or eleven, though not often at ten or eleven. If they enter at seven, eight, or nine years of age, they may continue at the school seven years. The stipend to the master is twenty pounds a year; and thirty shillings yearly are allowed him to provide books, pens, ink, &c. for the use of the girls. The mistress is paid fifteen pounds a year. The master and the mistress dwell in separate apartments, but the school-room is equally between them.

The children must be those of the church of England; and eight of the whole number must be chosen out of the parish of St. Michael, eight out of that of St. Peter, and the other eight out of the parish of Westbury-upon-Trim. But, in case that those three parishes do not supply their said quotas, then the vacancies are to be filled up out of any parish neighbouring to that of St. Michael's. The trustees are the rector and churchwardens, for the time being, of the said last-mentioned parish.

Milk-Street.—RIDLEY'S ALMS-HOUSE.

THIS alms-house was founded by Thomas Ridley and Sarah Ridley, of Pucklechurch, in Gloucestershire, brother and sister, for five old batchelors, and five old maidens. Each of the ten persons has a separate apartment, and is paid ten shillings every four weeks. The elder brother receives a guinea at Christmas, and the others a shilling a-piece

a-piece at the same time. None but members of the established church are admitted here, nor any but such as are fifty years old and upward; and the citizens of Bristol have the preference.

The full number of trustees is twelve. When it is reduced to four, those survivors chuse in eight more trustees, to fulfil that part of this institution. This alms-house was erected in 1739.

The Names of the Trustees, viz.

Rowles Scudamore, Treasurer,

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Slade Baker, | • Joseph Smith, |
| — Edwards, of London, | * Sydenham Teaste, |
| * Jeremiah Innys, | • Rev. John Taylor, |
| • Henry Muggleworth, | * Buckler Weeks, |
| * Ralph Newham, | • George Weare. |
| Dr. James Plomer, | |

*Those whose names are marked * are dead.*

Milk-Street.—A POOR-HOUSE.

THIS charity is for five old maidens, who are unable to work; or if, at any time, the number of such, applying for this relief, falls short, then it is made up by ancient widows, belonging, in both cases, to the Baptist meeting in the Pithay. Each of the five persons receives eighteen-pence weekly, out of the rents of several tenements adjoining this Poor-house, which were left to endow it by Elizabeth Blanchard. Four of the deacons of the said meeting, for the time being, are the trustees to this charity.

The Old-Market.—Alderman STEVENS'S ALMS-HOUSE.

THOMAS STEVENS, Esq; founded this alms-house in 1686, for sixteen freemen's widows or daughters. Each of them has a separate apartment, and each of them likewise receives three shillings a week. Such only as are members of the church of England, and sixty years of age, and upward, are admitted. This charity is in the hands of

private gentlemen. The number of trustees or feoffees is not limited. Twelve are nominated in the present subsisting deed of settlement (1773). Their names are as follow, viz.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| • William Hart, | Matthew Brickdale, |
| • Arthur Hart, | • Joseph Farrell, |
| • Thomas Smith, | • Richard Coombe, |
| Robert Smith, | * John Vaughan, |
| • Thomas Warren, | * William Alleyn, |
| • George Booth Tyndall, | * Samuel Smith. |

*The three marked * are dead.*

When the feoffees are by death reduced to four, those surviving increase their number at discretion, and a fresh deed of trust is made for that purpose.

“ Divers lands, in the parish of Abston and Wyke, in Gloucestershire, to the value of 200l. or 300l. a year, were given by Mr. Thomas Stevens, alderman, of Bristol, to divers trustees, to erect and endow two hospitals in the said city, which has been faithfully executed.”

Atkins' History of Gloucestershire.

The Old-Market.—TRINITY HOSPITAL, commonly called the DIAL ALMS-HOUSE.

TEN widowers and ten widows, a bed-maker, and a washer-woman, in all twenty-two persons, have each three shillings a week.—— The one, called the bed-maker, keeps the chapel, the entry, and the gallery clean, and has six-pence a week extraordinary. The other, called the washer-woman, has likewise six-pence a week extraordinary, and ten shillings and six-pence a year allowance, besides, for soap.— Each of the men has a shirt, and each of the women a shift at Christmas; and each of the twenty-two persons a horse-load of coal likewise at Christmas. Seven pounds of candles are allowed about All-Saints-day. One half of those candles is to give light in the passage, and the other half is divided among all the twenty-two people. Six of the men and six of the women receive one shilling and eight-pence a-piece every

every Lady-day—ten-pence a-piece every midsummer—eighteen-pence a-piece every Michaelmas—and ten-pence a-piece every St. Thomas-day. The elder brother is paid one shilling the last pay-day of every quarter, for ringing the chapel bell. The six eldest men and the six eldest women, and the bed-maker, and the washer-woman, have each a small plat of garden ground. Prayers are read at the alms-house chapel, every Tuesday and Thursday, at eleven o'clock in the morning; and the vicar of St. Philip's parish has 8*l.* a year, and the clerk of that parish 40*s.* a year, for attending that service. Ten or more of the Aldermen are the feoffees. At present [1773] the number, last nominated, is reduced by death to five or six. One of the Aldermen is always the treasurer.

The alms-folks are freemen widowers, and the widows of freemen; though the circumstance of widowhood is not strictly regarded; their age fifty years and upward. This charity, having been founded about the year 1400, and consequently before the reformation, is not confined to members of the present church of England. The founder of it was John Barstable, who had been four times Mayor of Bristol. A brass plate is sunk into the floor of the chancel of the chapel, on which is engraved a representation of the founder; as is also another such plate, with that of his wife. Under his figure is marked in ancient

characters  the year 1411; and below her effigy is  the year 1411; and below her effigy is

the same coat of arms as is carved on the wood shield, over the front door of the hospital.

The Old-Market.—TRINITY HOSPITAL.

THIS building stands on the north side of the Old-Market, and opposite to that other hospital, called likewise Trinity Hospital (or the Dial Alms-House). The founder of it was John Barstable, the same person as founded that other charity. In it are twenty-four women, who have each a separate apartment. Twelve of them, who are in the fore-part of the hospital, receive weekly three shillings a-piece; and the other twelve, that are in the back-part, two shillings a week each.

each. But, as often as a vacancy happens in the fore-part of the house, one of the twelve persons, out of the back-part, supplies it; and likewise, when a vacancy happens in the other hospital (commonly called the Dial Alms-House) one of those twelve, in the said back-part, are admitted there. Each of these twenty-four alms-folks have a shift, and a horseload of coal at Christmas. They attend prayers at the opposite hospital. Freemen's widows are admitted here at the age of fifty and upward, without regard to the several religious professions among Christians. This hospital is in the hands of the Aldermen of Bristol, who are the feoffees of the other hospital opposite to it; both these charities, as before observed, having been founded by the same person.

Orchard-Street.—The CITY FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THIS school was founded in the beginning of the sixteenth century by the executors of Robert Thorne, pursuant to his Will, for the instruction of the sons of Freemen of Bristol, in Latin and Greek. The number of scholars is not limited, neither is the time prescribed respecting their continuance. The Freemen have a right to send their sons, as day scholars, gratis, to be instructed there.

Sir Thomas White, Alderman and Merchant Taylor, of London, who founded St. John's College in Oxford in 1555, allowed two fellowships in that college to this city, worth thirty pounds a year each. And accordingly, that college receives two qualified boys from this school, who are nominated for those fellowships by the corporation of Bristol. And, besides these two fellowships, this school has the five following exhibitions settled on it, viz.

Two of ten pounds a year each, being the gift of Alderman Whitson, the founder of the Red Maids' school, at the disposal of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Two of six pounds a year each, left by Mrs. Ann Snigg, at the disposal of the Common-council.

One of five pounds a year, the donation of Mr. George White, in 1634, at the disposal of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Here are two masters. The head-master, who must be a Master of Arts, has a salary of eighty pounds a year, and dwells in the house.—

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The under-master, who must be not below the degree of a Bachelor of Arts, has a salary of forty pounds a year, and an allowance for a house. Both the masters must be clergymen of the church of England.

The house founded for this school is in Christmas-street, without Froom-gate. It was the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, and was obtained, under a licence of Mortmain from King Henry VIII. by the executors of Robert Thorne, who purchased the said Hospital, with all manors, lands and tenements belonging to it, of the patron, guardian, brethren and sisters of the same, for a perpetual free grammar school, and for the maintenance thereof; and granted the whole unto the Mayor, burgeses and commonalty of Bristol, in pursuance of the will of the said Robert Thorne. And, his son Robert Thorne, by his will, dated 17th May 1513, left the sum of three hundred pounds, towards the making and building up of the said free grammar school of the Bartholomews.

Peter-Street.—ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

THIS building was purchased in 1697 by the corporation of the poor of the city of Bristol, instituted the year before. It was then called the Mint of Bristol, because the great coinage of money, in King William's time, was carried on therein as well as at other places in the kingdom; and in that year this Mint ceased to work. An act of Parliament passed in the session of the former year, for erecting work-houses, in order to employ the parochial poor, and for levying money rateably on all the parishes in Bristol, for the relief of the poor of that city. All the houses within its liberties were charged, according to their respective rents, alike in the pound for that purpose. Before this act was passed, each of the parishes, separately, took care of it's own poor. The sum raised on the whole city the first year, upon this new establishment, was two thousand and five hundred pounds.

The following accounts of St. Peter's Hospital are abstracts of those that are published yearly by the proper authority. They bear evident marks of candid conduct. Indeed if any design of misapplications had existed, a case that too often occurs in handling the public's money, no accounts of this concern, or such as, were it so, must have been very different from these, would have appeared.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

The Account for four Years of the DISBURSEMENTS of the Corporation of the Poor of Bristol, for the Support and Relief of Paupers of the several Parishes in that City, of those out of the Hospital, as well as of those who were taken into it.

Disbursements of each Year, ending Lady Day.

1769.	1770.	1771.	1772.	1773.
<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
2363 1 11	2909 2 1	2494 7 10	2691 1 9½	
5379 7 3	4540 16 10			
7742 9 2	7449 18 11	2494 7 10	2691 1 9½	

Expences for provisions and necessaries for the }
hospital

N. B. The medium number of the family in

the hospital, was

For the year 1769	343
1770	403
1771	400
1772	412
1773	

989 poor on pay-bill the first } 1958 4 0
half-year
917 ditto the second half-year } 1758 6 9
827 casual poor the 1st half-year } 859 8 6
726 ditto the second half-year } 803 8 0

761 poor on pay-bill the first } 1607 5 6
half-year
839 ditto the second half-year } 1588 0 10
1016 casual poor the 1st half-year } 650 14 3
1051 ditto the second half-year } 694 16 3

Carried forward

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Brought over disbursements
 816 poor on pay-bill the first half-year } 1708 15 6 }
 870 ditto the second half-year } 1758 18 3 }
 592 casual poor the 1st half-year } 823 13 3 }
 632 ditto the second half-year } 876 1 0 }

898 poor on pay-bill the first half-year } 1948 11 2 }
 937 ditto the second half-year } 1942 18 3 }
 598 casual poor the 1st half-year } 989 0 7 }
 640 ditto the second half-year } 938 2 4 }

poor on pay-bill the first half-year }
 ditto the second half-year }
 casual poor the 1st half-year }
 ditto the second half-year }

Extra reliefs by order of the committee, paid by the master

Apprentices bound out

Burials and coffins

Carried forward

1769.		1770.		1771.		1772.		1773.	
l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.	l.	s. d.
7742	9 2	7449	18 11	2494	7 10	2691	1 9½		
				5167	8 0				
						5818	12 4		
64	7 6	48	8 6	58	18 6	59	18 6		
56	17 6	43	3 2	34	7 8	32	11 0		
64	10 2	59	7 5	68	7 1	102	3 5		
7928	4 4	7600	18 0	7823	9 1	8704	7 0½		

in 1769 } 51
 1770 } 40
 1771 } 31
 1772 } 30
 1773 }

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	1769.			1770.			1771.			1772.			1773.		
	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
Brought forward disbursements	79	28	4	76	00	18	78	23	9	1	87	04	7	0	1
Straw for the lunatics	7	3	0												
Sending home Irish vagrants	29	0	6	35	2	7	24	17	3	45	15	6			
Payments of small notes not reducible to any of the foregoing heads	74	14	5	54	7	8				72	0	1			
Salaries and medicines, pensions and fees	316	15	2	338	6	6	348	4	2	373	13	8			
Law-charges	52	11	2	47	10	4				67	2	1			
Repairs and new building	567	15	3	189	8	0	88	4	3	457	10	2			
Removing, taking up, and sending home vagrants to their different parishes				35	10	0	55	13	10	30	10	0			
Rents paid	21	0	4	13	16	4	13	16	4	10	0	0			
Beds, bedding, &c. for furniture	75	8	6							98	3	4			
Linen goods bought in 1767	24	13	0												
Printing and Stationary				34	12	0	17	12	0	289	0	2			
Cloathing							252	12	4						
Total yearly disbursements for the support and relief of the poor	9097	5	8	8349	11	5	8624	9	3	10148	2	1			
Balances of several money transactions, the particulars of which are placed next after this account	1297	8	0	350	5	1	353	18	0	1648	2	1			
Assessed on the several parishes in each year	10394	13	8	8699	16	6	8270	11	3	8500	0	0	10000		

Brought forward disbursements
Straw for the lunatics

in 1769
1770 52
1771 53
1772 105
1773

Sending home Irish vagrants

Payments of small notes not reducible to any of the foregoing heads

Salaries and medicines, pensions and fees
Law-charges

Repairs and new building

Removing, taking up, and sending home vagrants to their different parishes
in 1769 1770 180
1771 214
1772
1773

Rents paid

Beds, bedding, &c. for furniture

Linen goods bought in 1767

Printing and Stationary

Cloathing

Total yearly disbursements for the support and relief of the poor

Balances of several money transactions, the particulars of which are placed next after this account

Assessed on the several parishes in each year

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

N. B. The expences and disbursements of each year are assessed the next following year, so that the assessment of £10394 13 8, under the year ending the 25th of March, 1769, was for the expences of the year ending the 25th of March, 1768;—and the £10,000 assessed for the expences of the year ending 25th of March, 1772, will be credited for in the yearly account ending the 25th of March, 1773.

The following Accounts are referred to at the foot of the preceding Account of disbursements. They shew how those several years' balances arose; which balances, with the said disbursements, make up the sum assessed, on the different parishes, under each year.

Account referred to at the foot of the account of disbursements under the year ending the 25th of March, 1769.

			l.	s.	d.
Paid the balance due to the former Treasurer	—	—	1910	0	0
To Balance in the Treasurer's hands	—	—	757	15	4
Interest paid on money borrowed	—	—	38	18	0
			2706	13	4
Received for the spinning of cotton this year in the house	150	14	0		
for Fines for refusing to serve the office of guardian, and for non-attendance	41	6	6		
for the maintenance of several poor persons put into the house, and paid for by their friends, or parishes	76	8	5		
for rents received	111	15	2		
taken out of the image-boxes	0	15	7		
for meat, twice charged, by mistake	28	5	8		
	409	5	4		
Borrowed of the Corporation of the city of Bristol	—	1000	0	0	
			1409	5	4
The Balance of several money transactions in the year 1769	—		1297	8	0

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Account referred to at the foot of the account of disbursements under the year ending the 25th of March, 1770.

			l.	s.	d.
The balances in the Treasurer's and Master's hands	—	—	496	0	8
Paid the Corporation of the city of Bristol, in part of £1000 lent this hospital, interest-free	—	—	500	0	0
Paid one year's interest on £700 borrowed	—	—	28	0	0
			1024	0	8
Balance of the former Treasurer's account the last year, [£757 : 15 : 4] with £15 : 5 : 5 paid him afterward by the Master, deducting thereout £700 paid off, and £6 : 7 for interest due thereon	66	13	9		
Balance of the Master's account last year	40	2	1		
Received for the spinning of cotton, knitting of stockings, and spinning of flax this year	203	7	8		
for fines and non-attendance	29	9	0		
for repayments for the maintenance of several poor persons taken into the hospital	210	9	0		
for rents	112	2	11		
taken out of the image boxes	0	13	2		
interest on advance of money by the Treasurer last year, which he credits in this year, for money in his hands	10	18	0		
			673	15	7
The balance of several money transactions in the year 1770	—	—	350	5	1

Account referred to at the foot of the account of disbursements under the year ending the 25th of March, 1771.

			l.	s.	d.
The balance in the Treasurer's and the Master's hands, and the oakum in hand	—	—	607	17	5
Deduct the balance in hand last year	—	—	590	6	10
Carried over			17	10	7

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Brought forward	—	—	l. s. d.
Received for the spinning of cotton, knitting of stockings, and spinning of flax this year	167	17	5
for fines and non-attendance	—	18	9 6
for repayments for the maintenance of several poor persons taken into the hospital	112	19	1
for rents	70	19	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
taken out of the image boxes	—	0	5 0
abatements on tradesmen's notes	—	0	17 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	371	8	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
The balance of several money transactions in the year 1771	—	353	18 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
		371	8 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

Account referred to at the foot of the account of disbursements under the year ending the 25th of March, 1772.

The balances in the Treasurer's and the Master's hands, and the oakum in hand	607	17	5	l. s. d.
Deduct mistake in bringing forward 1s. 6d. and over cast in this year 3d.	—	0	1 9	
		607	15 8	
Deduct the balance in hand this year	—	43	7 1	
		564	8 7	
Received for the spinning of cotton, knitting of stockings, and picking of oakum	94	7	10	
for fines and non-attendance	57	4	0	
for repayments for the maintenance of several poor persons taken into the hospital	144	0	0	
for rents	19	3	5	
taken out of the image boxes	—	0	0 0	
for fuel sold	4	5	4	
borrowed of H. King, at 4 per cent. per ann.	1000	0	0	
abatements on tradesmen's notes	—	0	7 2	
		1319	7 9	
Deduct short payment by Christ church and St. Werburgh parishes, which still stand indebted	—	1883	16 4	
		235	14 3	
The balance of several money transactions in the year 1772	—	1648	2 1	

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

The several yearly assessments on all the parishes, paid by the respective Church-wardens to the Treasurer, for the time being, of [St. Peter's Hospital, or] the Corporation of the poor of the city of Bristol, for the expences and disbursements of five years, each year ending at Lady-day.

PARISHES.	1768.	1769.	1770.	1771.	1772.	1773.
All-Saints	237	198	188	193	227	0
St. Augustine	1135	950	903	928	1092	0
Castle Precincts	561	470	447	460	541	0
Christ-church	562	471	448	461	543	0
St. Ewen	128	107	101	103	121	0
St. John Baptist	348	291	277	285	335	0
St. James	1604	1343	1277	1313	1545	0
St. Leonard	219	183	174	179	210	0
St. Mary Redcliff	546	457	434	446	525	0
St. Mary-port	266	223	212	218	257	0
St. Michael	514	430	409	421	495	0
St. Nicholas	979	819	779	801	943	0
St. Peter	434	363	345	354	416	0
St. Philip and Jacob	495	414	394	405	476	0
St. Stephen	1053	881	837	860	1012	0
St. Thomas	612	512	487	500	447	0
Temple	465	389	370	380	588	0
St. Werburgh	236	198	188	193	227	0
	10394 13	88699 16	68270 11	38500 0	010000 0	0

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

The prices of the following articles of provisions, for St. Peter's Hospital, given in four successive years, each year ending at Lady-day.

		1769.	1770.	1771.	1772.	1773.
BEEF and MUTTON, per Cwt.	from Lady-day to Michaelmas.	s. d. 22 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 22 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 18 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	s. d. 18 0	
	from Michaelmas to Lady-day.	s. d. 22 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 17 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 19 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 22 10	
FLOUR, by the Sack.	280 pounds weight per sack.	s. d. 37 0	s. d. 31 9	s. d. 33 11	s. d. 38 10	
MALT, by the bushel		s. d. 4 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 3 10 and 3 2	s. d. 3 2 and 3 4	s. d. 3 4 and 3 9	
CHEESE, by the Cwt.		s. d. 29 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 28 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 26 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	s. d. 30 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	

All the beef good ox-beef; each whole carcase not less than six hundred weight, delivered at the hospital, there weighed and cut up.

The mutton good and sound.

Coward-milk cheese, good and of the first making, delivered and weighed at the hospital.

Flour, first, second, and third sorts.

Brown malt, 21 bushels to the score, unground, high-dried, and well screened, such as is proper to brew good table-beer, at the rate of one bushel and one half to the barrel.

Pile-Street.—REDCLIFF and ST. THOMAS' CHARITY SCHOOL.

FORTY boys are here taught to read, write and cypher. They are clothed, every two years, in blue coats, and caps, and red stockings. And, in every year is given them a pair of leather breeches, a pair of shoes and a pair of stockings. They are admitted from the age of six years and a half to that of twelve, and are dismissed at that of fourteen. As this school belongs to the two parishes of St. Mary Redcliff and St. Thomas, which built it at their own expence, the sons of Freemen of those two parishes are preferred; but if that number, of such, falls short, the sons of parishioners of those parishes come in;

in; and if the latter do not fill it up, then the sons of the inhabitants of the said two parishes are admitted. The master has a salary of thirty pounds a year, for instructing the forty boys, and finding pens, ink and paper for them. The house, wherein the master dwells, was built for the use of every such master, for the time being, by Giles Malpas, pin-maker, in St. Thomas-street. Prayers are read every morning in the school, and every evening the boys attend the prayers at Redcliff church. This charity is supported chiefly by yearly subscriptions, and the subscribers to it recommend the boys that are taken in. Every two years the two parishes meet and chuse a treasurer, who receives the subscriptions, pays the disbursements, and has the direction of this concern. Besides an income of twenty pounds a year, which arises out of Mr. Colston's estate, and is paid by the society of merchants venturers of Bristol, this charity has the interest of the following bequests, viz.

£. 100	by Mary Dibble.
21	by Matthew Worgan.
50	by John Maice.
10	by Edward Lyne.
10	by Mrs. Gratian Kington.
100	by John Fisher.—The yearly interest of this sum, viz. 4 <i>l.</i> is appointed by him for apprenticing a boy of Redcliff parish, in every year.

Red-cross-Street.—The BAPTISTS' POOR HOUSE.

FOUR aged and infirm persons have here each an apartment, but no weekly pay. It belongs to the Baptists' meetings in Broadmead and in the Pithay. The deacons of each of those two meetings put in severally one half of the said number, and the charity is under their direction.

Redcliff-Hill.—REDCLIFF-HILL ALMSHOUSE.

THIS house, according to traditional accounts, was originally a spittal for the entertainment of travellers, who had fourpence a day given here for the support of each of them. It has fourteen apartments;

ments; but at present only nine persons are in it, viz. eight widows and one widower. The man and three of the women, receive two shillings a week each; but the other five women receive only eighteen-pence a week each. Two of the women have each a six-penny loaf every Sunday, and the rest of the alms-folks have only a four-penny loaf each on that day. The vestry of Redcliff parish give money to each of them at Christmas, viz. two shillings a-piece to some, and five shillings to others of them, according to their several degrees of want. And, every other Christmas, the same vestry give cloathing, viz. either a coat, a gown, a shirt or a shift, in lieu of money, to such as have the most occasion for those articles. Ten shillings are paid among them all every Christmas. The weekly pay comes from St. Peter's Hospital; the loaves from bequests; the money for the cloaths (supposed) from the Chamber; and the ten shillings from a rent charge on a house at Cathay. The poor of Redcliff parish only are admitted, and of such no notice is taken with regard to the religious profession.

Steep-Street.—FOSTER'S ALMS-HOUSE.

THE alms-house in the north-west end of Stipeftall, on St. Michael's-hill, called Foster's Alms-house, was founded in 1482 by John Foster, who the year before that was Mayor of Bristol. It has fourteen apartments; seven for men, and seven for women. Each of the alms-folks has two shillings and six-pence a week; and the elder brother is paid two shillings a month extraordinary, for ringing the chapel bell, and for taking care to see that the rules of the house are observed. In the Christmas-week they severally receive five shillings for that week's pay. At Easter five shillings are divided among them jointly. On Good Friday the Chamberlain sends fifteen-pence to buy them a cake a-piece, and the person who fetches that money, has one penny out of it for so doing. At Michaelmas they have a horse-load of coal a-piece. Between Easter and Whitsuntide, each of them has four yards of dowlas, and with that linen cloth, the seven men have seven-pence a-piece given them, to pay for having it made into shirts; and the seven women receive six-pence each to get theirs made into shifts. The seven women receive jointly, the last day of every month, two shillings

shillings of the Chamberlain, for keeping the court before the house clean, and likewise the two necessary-houses. The minister of St. Michael's parish reads prayers every Friday morning, at eleven o'clock, and preaches a sermon every first Sunday in each month, at six o'clock in the evening; for which offices he receives a stipend of ten pounds a year. A pound of candles is allowed for the use of the chapel, and the clerk of the said parish has twenty-six shillings a year, for his attendance there. The trustees to this charity are the Mayor and Aldermen, and the treasurer is always one of the Aldermen. The men are put in by the Mayor and Aldermen, and the women by Mrs. Mayoress; but if the Mayor has no wife, in that case, he appoints the women. With regard to religion, tho' those who are dissenters have admission here, yet the members of the church of England have the preference. As to place of residence, before admittance, this charity is not restricted, though it is limited to such only as be *English*; but as to age, that of fifty and upward is the standard. It was originally instituted for eight men, five women, and a priest. The Chamber rebuilt this alms-house in the year 1702.

Stoke's-Craft.—A CHARITY-SCHOOL.

THIS school was built and founded by the members of the Presbyterian meeting in Lewin's-mead, for the support and instruction of thirty boys in reading, writing, and cyphering; and also for putting them out apprentices. The children dine at the school on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Each boy has a blue coat and a blue cap once in every three years.

Between nine and eleven is the age of admittance; and the time of continuance at the school is three years for the latter, and five for the former age. And if a place, for a boy at fourteen, can be met with for a fee of three guineas, he is bound to some trade; but, if he cannot be provided for on those terms in that way, then he goes to service. The children of parents of all denominations of Christians, and of all places, are admissible to this charity. The master has a salary of forty pounds a year, and no rent to pay.

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The names of the present trustees and feoffees of this school, [1773] viz.

John Hall, Governor,	Isaac Baugh,	Nathaniel Wraxall,
William Arnold, Treasurer,	Edward Whatley,	Charles Andrews,
Richard Farr,	William Wansey,	Daniel Millard,
Rowles Scudamore,	James Reed,	William Cadell.

When the number of trustees is reduced as low as three, these fill up a new deed of trust, with the names of twenty-one or more persons, including the three.

Stoke's-Croft.—STOKE'S-CROFT ALMS-HOUSE.

THIS alms-house, and the Stoke's-Croft charity-school, make together one uniform building. The alms-house has twelve apartments for the like number of women. It was built, as the school was, by subscription from the members of Lewin's-Mead meeting; has the same governor and treasurer, and is under the direction of the same trustees as that is. Persons of every religious persuasion among Protestants, and of any place, can be admitted here. In this alms-house now [1773] are four Presbyterians, five Episcopalians, and three Baptists. As it enjoys no bequest, excepting £100 left by Mr. Tyndale, to produce a weekly pay, the support of the alms-house poor arises from their several friends' gifts, bestowed at no fixed times—bread, beef, and coal, in different quantities, being occasionally given to them. Only the professed Presbyterians, among the twelve women, have pay; and these receive two shillings a week from the treasurer.

Without Temple-Gate.—REDCLIFF POOR-HOUSE, called ROGER MAGDALEN's of Nonney.

IT consists of eleven apartments. During the three last years only seven old persons have been admitted therein, viz. three women, who receive two shillings a-piece weekly, and a four-penny loaf every Sunday—a man and his wife, who receive between them three shillings and six-pence a week, and a four-penny loaf each Sunday—and another man and his wife, who have likewise between them three shillings

and six-pence a week, and a six-penny loaf on Sundays. The vestry give to some of them two shillings, and to others of them two shillings and six-pence at Christmas; and either a coat, a gown, a shirt, or a shift, according to their respective necessities, once in every two years.

These seven persons belong to Redcliff parish, and are members of the established church. The money paid to them comes from St. Peter's hospital; the loaves are bequests; and the cloathing is paid for out of a legacy of John Fisher, deceased, and with money given by Mrs. Little, who is now living [1773].

On Temple-Backs.—A CHARITY-SCHOOL.

THIS school was originally instituted for twenty-four girls of Temple parish, in order to teach them to read and to sew. The mistress had three pounds a year, and a house rent-free. But that plan having been found not to answer the desired end, another is now adopted, viz. a mistress is employed to teach them to spin hemp for the sail-cloth and sack makers. She has one penny out of every shilling earned by the girls, and they have the remainder to carry home to their friends. Their gain is from eight-pence to twenty-pence a week each. They are not bound to continue on the list for any limited time. Such of them as come in at the age of eight or nine, and remain scholars until that of twelve, have a spinning-wheel and reel given them when they leave the school; and those who, when they first come in, are of the age of ten, or eleven, or twelve, have a wheel and a reel, provided they attend the school two years. The children are likewise taught to read, and are instructed in the church catechism. Those of Temple parish are preferred, but the girls of any other may be taken in. This school is under the care of the church-wardens of Temple parish.

In 1699 Mrs. Mary Gray gave fifty pounds.

In 1740 John Jayne, of Temple parish, mariner, gave one hundred and forty pounds; and the interest of that sum is to be applied toward the education and cloathing of the poor charity-girls of that parish, for ever.

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Temple-Street.—The WEAVERS' HALL.

UNDER the Weavers' hall are four apartments for so many women. They are the widows either of the masters or of the wardens of the weavers' company. Each of them receives twelve shillings and sixpence on the 18th of February, and the like sum on the 18th of August, being the interest of one hundred pounds, bequeathed for that purpose by Abraham Sperring, who dwelled in Tucker-street. They receive ten shillings every quarter-day, arising from two several legacies of five shillings a quarter to each of them, from Thomas Goldsmith and Sarah Smith. The trustees to this charity are the company of weavers.

Temple-Street.—COLSTON'S CHARITY SCHOOL.

FORTY boys are here new cloathed every year; taught to read, write and cypher, and also instructed in the church catechism, as it is now established by law. The boys of Temple parish have the preference, but if the full number be not made up of such, then St. Thomas' parish boys supply the deficiency. Their parents must be members of the church of England. The boys are admitted at the age of seven, and dismissed at that of fourteen. The master's salary for teaching them is thirty pounds a year; and his pay for cloathing and providing books, &c. for them, is fifty pounds yearly. This charity-school was erected and endowed by Edward Colston, Esq; native of Temple parish, in the year 1711. In the present deed of feoffment, sixteen trustees were named, of which number only four are now [1773] living, viz. William Eagles, packer, treasurer; Thomas Smith, hosier; Wm. Blackmoor, Gent. and Hubert Hufsey, hooper. As often as the number of trustees is by death reduced to three, a new deed is made, and the names of twelve or more persons, including those three, are inserted therein. By the institution of the founder, eight nominees, viz. four clergymen and four laymen, inspect the yearly accounts of this charity; and at every annual meeting, on that occasion, a treasurer is chosen. A deed of appointment is likewise renewed by the nominees, whenever it becomes necessary to add to the number of the surviving ones.

ones. The present surviving nominees are, Alexander Catcot, vicar of Temple parish; Matthew Brickdale, Esq; and Mr. John Cross.

Temple-Street.—ALDERMAN STEVENS'S HOSPITAL.

TWELVE women, the widows or the daughters of freemen of Bristol, are severally provided in this hospital with an apartment, and are likewise paid three shillings a week. Only such as are members of the established church, and of the age of sixty and upward, are admitted here. Thomas Stevens, who founded the hospital that goes likewise by his name in the Old-Market, in 1686, was also the founder of this; and both these charities are under the care of the same trustees.

Temple-Street.—DOCTOR WHITE'S HOSPITAL.

THOMAS WHITE, D. D. founded this hospital in 1613, for six men and six women; each of whom has a separate apartment, and receives three shillings a week. At Christmas they are paid sixteen shillings each, to purchase coal and candles. Two shirts or two shifts; two pair of shoes, two pair of stockings, and two handkerchiefs, are given to them severally every year. And once in three years, a cloth gown is given likewise to each of them. One shilling a week is allowed, to pay a nurse, for attendance on either of the twelve alms-folks in sickness. Ten of them must have been inhabitants of Temple parish three years, and the other two must belong to Werburgh's parish; but if the latter parish does not produce two persons, then they may come out of All-Saints' parish. The widows and daughters of freemen of Bristol are preferred; though this charity is open to others, under the before-mentioned restrictions; but it is wholly confined to members of the church of England.—Two sermons in a year are preached here, viz. one sermon a week before Lady-day, and another a week before Michaelmas, for each of which twenty shillings are allowed. The trustees of this charity are the two senior Aldermen, the
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Town-Clerk, and the Chamberlain of Bristol, and the Vicar of Temple parish, all for the time being. The pay to a new comer, on the death of one of the alms-folks, does not commence till thirteen weeks after that time; but if a person be put in after such thirteen weeks are elapsed, the pay notwithstanding is to be reckoned from the end of such thirteen weeks.

Temple-Street.—The TUCKERS' HALL.

THIS hall belongs to the company of Cloth-workers. In it are six old persons. Either men and women are admitted, who have each a distinct apartment, and three shillings and four-pence quarterly, from the master of that company for the time being. The money is received by the master from Mr. Thomas Smith, in Orchard-street.

Tower-lane Steps.—ALL-SAINTS' ALMS-HOUSE.

EIGHT old women have each a separate apartment in this building. They are paid eighteen-pence weekly; and each of them receives a six-penny loaf every Sunday at church. The widows or the daughters of freemen of that parish are mostly admitted here. The churchwardens have the direction of this charity, which, it is said, is supported by the rents of several estates belonging to All-Saints' parish, that were left to pay for masses or prayers, for the release of the souls of the several donors out of purgatory. And, that the vestry, in succeeding times, thought it best to erect an alms-house, and apply those rents for this purpose. The present alms house was built lately. The old alms-house stood in All-Saints'-lane; but at the time of building the Exchange of Bristol, that old one was pulled down.

Tower-lane Steps.—STRANGE's (or ST. JOHN's) ALMS-HOUSE.

THIRTEEN old women have each an apartment in this alms-house, and are severally paid eighteen-pence a week. Every one of them

them, likewise, receives six shillings at Michaelmas; and three horse-loads of coal at Christmas; and a four-penny loaf every Sunday, at St. John's church. The widows, or the daughters of freemen of St. John's parish, for the greatest part, are taken in here, by the church-wardens of that parish, who fill up vacancies,

N. B. Alice Coles gave £4 yearly, for ever, to be distributed in monthly payments of six shillings and eight-pence, equally among the poor in this alms-house.

Mr. Robert Strange, in the latter end of the fifteenth century, built an alms-house in St. John's church-yard, which was called Strange's alms-house, with fifteen chambers and gardens, with a well. And left all the houses from Newgate to the Mill, for the maintenance of the said house:—also, all the Inn, called the Spur, in Wine-street, with divers other tenements and lands, for the same purpose.

N. B. The old house, in the parish of St. John, and in that church-yard in Tower-lane, was pulled down, and a new one built at the bottom of Tower-lane Steps, adjoining All-Saints' alms-house, about the year 1740.

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